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November 3, 1977

Mr. Timothy C. Smith
Cotter Corporation
P.O. Box 352
Golden, CO. 80401

Re: Surety Approval
Thornburg Memorial Mine
ACT/019/006

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining at their October 25th meeting approved the amount of \$17,961.00 for surety for reclamation on the Thornburg Mine.

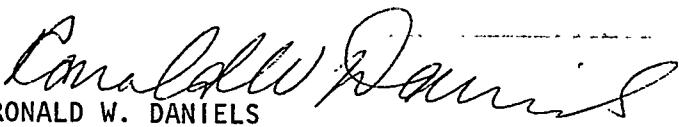
After publishing the notice that the Division tentatively approved this operation, no objections of substance were received during the 30 day period subsequent to publishing. Therefore, upon receipt of surety, the Division will grant final approval under the Mined Land Reclamation Act.

Mr. Brian Buck, Division Geologist, has informed me that you inquired about what background information is necessary for the Board to accept a contract for surety rather than a bond or escrow fund. By supplying background information on Cotter Corporation in the way of assets in Utah, physical plant facilities in the State or other holdings, this would be adequate. If a parent company would supply the contract, the relationships of Cotter to that company and whether it is recognized to do business in the State of Utah should be sufficient. The ultimate decision of course is up to the Board, who at this time knows little about Cotter, thus the more information supplied the larger the basis for their decision in the matter.

Please let us know if you have further inquiries in this matter. A copy of the surety estimate is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING


RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED
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Enclosure